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Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue NW  
Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268

RE: Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of Trinity Services, Inc., and the more than 4,000 Illinoisans with developmental disabilities and mental illnesses whom we support, I am asking you to reconsider a proposal that would increase postage rates beyond the rate of inflation.

As a nonprofit organization, the impacts of an increase to postage rates above CPI would be detrimental to Trinity Services and the residential services, day programs, behavioral health services and other supports it provides. We use direct mail to inform our supporters about the services we provide and news within our organization; ask supporters to assist us with advocacy campaigns for the benefit of the people we serve; and raise funds for our organization. Additionally, we rely on prepaid postage for responses to surveys about our services.

Direct mail is a critical component of our communication and fundraising efforts. As a nonprofit, we cannot afford to allocate additional resources, which would be better spent on the services and supports we provide, to the cost of postage. If postage rates were to increase above CPI, we would be left with no other choice than to drastically reduce the amount of mail we send. This would result in an overall weakened reach and loss in revenue, impacting our programs and the people we support.

Please reconsider this proposal, and preserve CPI-capped postage rates.

Sincerely,

  
Thane A. Dykstra, Ph.D.  
President and CEO